

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the paragraph on page 15, beginning on line 4, and replace with the following paragraph:

FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B. FIG. 2A shows nucleotide sequence of cDNA for mouse Osterix (SEQ ID NO: 1) and deduced amino acid sequence of mouse Osterix (SEQ ID NO: 1). This sequence begins in FIG. 2A-1 and continues into FIG. 2A-2. FIG. 2B shows comparison of the amino acid sequence in the zinc-finger domain (SEQ ID NO: 4) with sequences of related zinc-finger proteins (SEQ ID NOS: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and SEQ ID NO: 22). Amino acids in these related sequences that are different are indicated by black boxes. Cysteine and histidine residues of the zinc-finger motif are indicated by asterisks. Numbers to the right of the sequences indicate percent identity.